

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/520,823	TANAKA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to an amendment/response filed on 09/14/06 & a telephone call on 10/13/06.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-8, 10-22, & 24 (which have been renumbered 1-21).
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/13/06.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney/Agent ***Mr. Sean L. Ingram*** on ***October 13, 2006***.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claim

Claim 13, line 2, "comprises a zirconia composite oxide supporting" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --having supported thereon--.

Claim 13, line 3, "comprises a ceria composite oxide supporting" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --having supported thereon--.

Claim 13, line 4, "comprises a theta-alumina supporting" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --having supported thereon--.

Claim 13, line 4-5, "comprises a gamma-alumina supporting" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --having supported thereon--.

Claim 21, line 2, "supporting" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --having supported thereon--.

Claim 21, line 4, "supporting" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --having supported thereon--.

Claim 21, line 5, "supporting" (first occurrence) has been deleted and replaced thereof with --having supported thereon--.

Claim 21, line 5, "supporting" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --having supported thereon--.

Claim 24, line 4, “.” has been deleted and replaced thereof with -- , --.

Conclusion

2. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-22, & 24 & 3-10 are pending. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-22, & 24 & 3-10 are allowed.

Contacts

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Primary Examiner Cam N Nguyen, whose telephone number is 571-272-1357. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM, at alternative work site.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stanley Silverman, can be reached on 571-272-1358. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-8300.

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Primary Examiner

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